

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

POLLIN PATENT LICENSING, LLC and
AUTOSCRIBE CORPORATION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION,
ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,
UNITED STATES CELLULAR
CORPORATION, COMBINED INSURANCE
SERVICES, INC., CAPITAL ONE AUTO
FINANCE, INC. and FIA CARD SERVICES,
N.A.,

Defendants.

Case No.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs Pollin Patent Licensing, LLC and Autoscribe Corporation complain of Defendants The Allstate Corporation, Allstate Insurance Company, United States Cellular Corporation, Combined Insurance Services, Inc., Capital One Auto Finance, Inc. and FIA Card Services, N.A., as follows:

1. This is a claim for patent infringement that arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this claim under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

2. Pollin Patent Licensing, LLC ("PPL") is a Florida limited liability company with a business address of 9801 Washingtonian Boulevard, Suite 200, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

3. Autoscribe Corporation ("Autoscribe") is a Maryland corporation with a principal place of business at 9801 Washingtonian Boulevard, Suite 200, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

4. On October 3, 2006, the United States Patent and Trademark Office granted U.S. Patent No. 7,117,171 (the "'171 patent") from an application filed on October 15, 1992, entitled

"System and Method for Making a Payment from a Financial Account" and naming Robert Pollin as the inventor.

5. Autoscribe is the owner by assignment of all legal rights, title, and interest in and to the '171 patent.

6. PPL is an exclusive licensee to rights in the '171 patent.

7. Autoscribe and PPL have standing to sue for infringement of the '171 patent because they collectively own all right, title and interest in and to the '171 patent and the Autoscribe processes and products covered by that patent, including the right to collect for past damages. Autoscribe and PPL have each suffered injury from the Defendants' acts of patent infringement.

8. The Allstate Corporation is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business in Northbrook, Illinois. The Allstate Corporation is licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and has a registered agent in CT Corporation System, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 814, Chicago, IL 60604. Upon information and belief, The Allstate Corporation serves as the holding company for Allstate Insurance Company and its business is conducted principally through Allstate Insurance Company, Allstate Life Insurance Company and their affiliates.

9. Allstate Insurance Company is incorporated in Illinois and has a principal place of business in Northbrook, Illinois. Allstate Insurance Company is licensed and authorized to conduct business as an insurance company in the State of Illinois, and can be served at 2775 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. The Allstate Corporation and Allstate Insurance Company are collectively referred to herein as "Allstate."

10. On information and belief, Allstate has at least one call center located in this judicial district, through which, among other things, it collects debt from a debtor's checking account through the use of telephones. Also on information and belief, said call center is owned, operated, controlled and/or its activities directed by Allstate.

11. Accordingly, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Allstate because, among other things, it transacts business in this judicial district, at least by operating and/or conducting business through its call centers in this judicial district. In addition, Allstate is licensed to do business as an insurance company in Illinois and has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district.

12. United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular") is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business in Chicago, Illinois. U.S. Cellular is licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and has a registered agent in Mark Krohse, 8410 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60631.

13. On information and belief, U.S. Cellular has at least one call center located in this judicial district, through which, among other things, it collects debt from a debtor's checking account through the use of telephones. Also on information and belief, said call center is owned, operated, controlled and/or its activities directed by U.S. Cellular.

14. Accordingly, this Court has personal jurisdiction over U.S. Cellular because, among other things, it transacts business in this judicial district, at least by operating and/or conducting business through its call centers in this judicial district. In addition, U.S. Cellular is licensed to do business in Illinois and has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district.

15. Combined Insurance Services, Inc. ("CISI") is an Illinois corporation with a principal place of business in Tinley Park, Illinois. CISI is licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and has a registered agent in Dennis R. O'Neill, 5487 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60630.

16. On information and belief, CISI has at least one call center located in this judicial district, through which, among other things, it collects debt from a debtor's checking account through the use of telephones. Also on information and belief, said call center is owned, operated, controlled and/or its activities directed by CISI.

17. Accordingly, this Court has personal jurisdiction over CISI because, among other things, it transacts business in this judicial district, at least by operating and/or conducting business through its call centers in this judicial district. In addition, CISI is licensed to do business in Illinois and has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district.

18. Capital One Auto Finance, Inc. ("Capital One") is a Texas corporation with a place of business in Downers Grove, Illinois. Capital One is licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and has a registered agent in Illinois Corporation Service, 801 Adlai Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL 62703.

19. On information and belief, Capital One has at least one call center through which, among other things, it collects debt from a debtor's checking account through the use of telephones, including, on information and belief, debt from customers located in this judicial district. Also on information and belief, said call center is owned, operated, controlled and/or its activities directed by Capital One.

20. Accordingly, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Capital One because, among other things, it transacts substantial business in this judicial district, at least by operating and/or conducting business in such a way as to reach customers in Illinois and this judicial district, including through its location in Downers Grove, Illinois. In addition, Capital One is licensed to do business in Illinois and, upon information and belief, has collected debt from a debtor's checking account through the use of a telephone from debtor's residing in this judicial district.

21. Upon information and belief, FIA Card Services, N.A. ("FIA") is a chartered national bank which is chartered to do business throughout the United States, having a business address at 1100 N. King St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Upon information and belief, FIA is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America (through NB Holdings Corp.) and conducts many of its operations under the Bank of America name.

22. Upon information and belief, FIA, either in its own name or under the Bank of America name, solicits credit card business, opens credit card accounts and collects funds from residents of Illinois and this judicial district, including through Bank of America branches. Further, upon information and belief, FIA operates ATM's in Illinois and this judicial district, and in 2010 alone, FIA has filed at least 975 lawsuits in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, against debtors in Cook County, Illinois. Also on information and belief, FIA owns, operates, controls and/or directs the activities of call centers throughout the United States through which it collects debt from debtors in Illinois and this judicial district.

23. Accordingly, upon information and belief, and as set forth above, this Court has personal jurisdiction over FIA because, among other things, it transacts substantial business in Illinois and this judicial district, including the collection of debt from a debtor's checking account through the use of a telephone from residents of Illinois and this judicial district, either under its own name or the Bank of America name.

24. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(d) and 1400(b).

25. Allstate has infringed and continues to infringe the '171 patent by, among other activities, making, using and/or conducting business through its call centers to collect debt throughout the United States, including within this judicial district, in a manner which is covered by at least claims 6 and 12 of the '171 patent. Alternatively, Allstate will have also infringed the '171 patent with actual notice of infringement through the filing of this Complaint, by knowingly and actively inducing others to infringe and by contributing to the infringement of others by making, using and/or conducting check by phone business through its call centers.

26. U.S. Cellular has infringed and continues to infringe the '171 patent by, among other activities, making, using and/or conducting business through its call centers to collect debt throughout the United States, including within this judicial district, in a manner which is covered by at least claims 6 and 12 of the '171 patent. Alternatively, U.S. Cellular will have also

infringed the '171 patent with actual notice of infringement through the filing of this Complaint, by knowingly and actively inducing others to infringe and by contributing to the infringement of others by making, using and/or conducting check by phone business through its call centers.

27. CISI has infringed and continues to infringe the '171 patent by, among other activities, making, using and/or conducting business through its call centers to collect debt throughout the United States, including within this judicial district, in a manner which is covered by at least claims 6 and 12 of the '171 patent. Alternatively, CISI will have also infringed the '171 patent with actual notice of infringement through the filing of this Complaint, by knowingly and actively inducing others to infringe and by contributing to the infringement of others by making, using and/or conducting check by phone business through its call centers.

28. Capital One has infringed and continues to infringe the '171 patent by, among other activities, making, using and/or conducting business through its call centers to collect debt throughout the United States in a manner which is covered by at least claims 6 and 12 of the '171 patent. Alternatively, Capital One will have also infringed the '171 patent with actual notice of infringement through the filing of this Complaint, by knowingly and actively inducing others to infringe and by contributing to the infringement of others by making, using and/or conducting check by phone business through its call centers.

29. FIA has infringed and continues to infringe the '171 patent by, among other activities, making, using and/or conducting business through its call centers to collect debt throughout the United States in a manner which is covered by at least claims 6 and 12 of the '171 patent. Alternatively, FIA will have also infringed the '171 patent with actual notice of infringement through the filing of this Complaint, by knowingly and actively inducing others to infringe and by contributing to the infringement of others by making, using and/or conducting check by phone business through its call centers.

30. Autoscribe and PPL have complied with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 287.

31. Each Defendant's infringement, contributory infringement and/or inducement to infringe has injured Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs are entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate them for such infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

32. Each Defendant's infringing activities have caused irreparable harm to Plaintiffs, which have no adequate remedy at law, and will continue to injure Plaintiffs, unless and until this Court enters an injunction prohibiting each Defendant from further infringement, contributing to and/or inducing infringement of the '171 patent.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Autoscribe and PPL respectfully ask this Court to enter judgment against each of the Defendants, Allstate, U.S. Cellular, CISI, Capital One and FIA, as well as their respective subsidiaries, successors, parents, affiliates, officers, directors, agents, servants and employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, granting the following relief:

- A. The entry of judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and against each Defendant;
- B. An award of damages adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for the infringement that has occurred, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty as permitted by 35 U.S.C. § 284, together with prejudgment interest from the date the infringement began;
- C. A permanent injunction prohibiting further infringement, inducement and/or contributory infringement of the '171 patent;
- D. Increased damages and/or attorneys' fees as permitted under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and § 285;
- E. Such other relief that Plaintiffs are entitled to under law, and any other and further relief that this Court or a jury may deem just and proper.

Jury Demand

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all issues properly triable to a jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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